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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

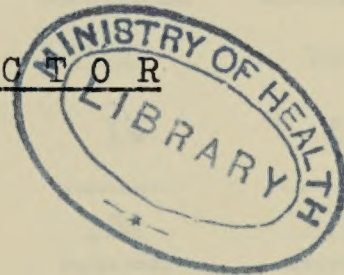
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SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1952.



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Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	5,658
Registrar General's estimated Mid-Year Home Population	14,150
No. of Inhabited Houses	3,594
Rateable Value	£81,728
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£312

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate ...	122	120	242
	Illegitimate ...	6	14	20
		<u>128</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>262</u>
<u>Still Births:</u>	Legitimate ...	4	-	4
	Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
		<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

			<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	17.8	18.2
Birth Rate for England and Wales	..	...	15.5	15.3

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>No. of Deaths</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>131</u>
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 population 		10.0	9.07
Death Rate for England and Wales 		12.5	11.3

Vital Statistics (continued):

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under</u> <u>1 year of age:</u>			
Legitimate ...	5	3	8
Illegitimate .	1	-	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
		<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births		19.9	34.4
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales		29.6	27.6

The statistics can be regarded as satisfactory, the Birth Rate being higher and the Death Rate lower than the Rates given for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach ...	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung ...	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm of All Other Sites ..	7	7
Leukaemia ...	1	1
Diabetes ...	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	2	15
Coronary Disease ...	10	11
Heart Diseases ..	10	9
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	4	9
Influenza ...	1	-
Pneumonia ...	2	3
Bronchitis ..	3	2
Nephritis or Nephrosis ...	1	-
Congenital Malformations ...	2	3
Other Defined or Ill-defined Diseases ..	5	11
Accidents (other than Motor Vehicle Accidents)	3	-
	<u>55</u>	<u>76</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.(Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Foods Inspector.

S.J. Mayo, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Faeces	9
Urine	17
Blood	3
Sputum	4
Throat Swab	3
Nose Swab	2
Pus Swab	5
Ice Cream	16
Biological Milk ...	2
Water	1
Other Specimens ...	10

The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service has again continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1952.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases Admitted</u> <u>To Hospital</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.	15	12	-
Pneumonia.	17	7	5
Whooping Cough.	22	-	-
Measles.	97	1	-
	<u>151</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>

Age Groups.

Disease	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 & Over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	2	1	6	2	17
Whooping Cough	1	5	4	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Measles	2	5	14	11	16	44	5	-	-	-	-	-	97
Totals	3	10	19	21	29	51	7	-	2	1	6	2	151

There was no serious outbreak of any infectious disease during the year. The Scarlet Fever cases were of the usual mild type which is now prevalent. No case of Poliomyelitis was notified.

Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of Diphtheria and it is now over six years since a case was notified.

(2) Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 - 66	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	1	2	1	2	1	-	-

There were three deaths from this disease during the year.

Number of Cases on Register at 31st December, 1952.

		Males	Females
Pulmonary	... ..	38	31
Non-Pulmonary	...	11	16
Totals		49	47

(3) Diphtheria Immunisation.

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1952, 155 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 71 children aged four to fifteen years were given a "booster dose".

Year.	No. immunised.	No. of Cases notified.		
		Under 5 years.	5 - 15 years.	Over 15 years
1941	1,946	10	38	12
1942	565	3	4	1
1943	398	-	-	2
1944	226	-	-	-
1945	224	-	3	-
1946	205	-	-	1
1947	187	-	-	-
1948	248	-	-	-
1949	179	-	-	-
1950	150	-	-	-
1951	168	-	-	-
1952	155	-	-	-

4,651

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) WATER SUPPLY.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis:

(a) from piped supply	...	...	...	17
(b) from wells	...	...	...	Nil

Thirteen samples of water for bacteriological examination and four samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage was experienced, but in view of the steadily increasing demand in the district, it is of vital importance that an adequate supply of water should be made available as soon as possible.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

<u>No. of Cesspools in District at the</u> <u>end of 1952:</u>	6
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No new cesspools were constructed during the year.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total No. in District at end of 1952:-

(a) Pail Closets	...	...	...	9
(b) Water Closets	..	...	...	4022

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works and at the Controlled Tip, and as far as possible a weekly collection was made throughout the area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of Complaints received	...	...	154
Total number of Premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	...	...	273

INSPECTIONS.

<u>Nature of Inspections.</u>	<u>Number of Inspections.</u>
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	705
Animal Keeping	17
Bakehouses	14
Common Lodging Houses	8
Dairies	17
Drainage Works	28
Food Premises	202
Refuse Collection and Disposal	14
Rodent Control	549
Schools	3
Shops	51
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	514
Smoke Observations	6
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	14
Verminous Premises	9
Water Supplies	6
Factories	30
Other Inspections	80
Total	2267

NOTICES.

		<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Other.</u>
(i) <u>Preliminary:</u>			
Outstanding on 1st January ...	...	14	7
Issued during the Year ...	...	23	40
Complied with during the Year ...	...	17	39
Statutory Action necessary ..	...	-	-
Outstanding at 31st December ...	...	20	8
(ii) <u>Statutory:</u>		Nil	Nil

SHOPS.

Action taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950:-

Nine defects were found relating to sanitary conveniences and washing facilities and eleven were remedied, including two outstanding from last year.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Common Lodging Houses.

There were two registered Common Lodging Houses in the District but the registration of one was not renewed in March, 1952. In view of the general unsatisfactory condition of the other Lodging House it is desirable that the further registration of this building should also be discontinued.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:-

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Owners Prosecuted</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	31	8	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	76	16	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	6	6	-	-
	<u>113</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were found:-

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	5	5	1
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient ...	1	1	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	4	4	2
(3) Not separate for Sexes	1	1	-
	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

(c) Outwork:-

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

(a) Publicly Owned:

One Childrens' open air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is adequately treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

(b) Privately Owned:

One open air Swimming Pool, which was acquired by a private firm and has not since been open to the public.

RODENT CONTROL.

After pre-bait testing two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy Rats in those main Sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works and Cattle Market have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at one business, and 34 private, premises.

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year.

(a) (i) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
(ii) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	..								469
(b) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
(c) Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...								50

Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice:

(a) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
(b) Unfit houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

In the case of five houses, now unoccupied, undertakings were obtained from the Owners not to re-let them for human habitation in their present condition.

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

Proceedings under the Housing Acts and Public Health Acts	Nil
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Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding.

Complete details of all overcrowding in the District cannot be given, but from the information supplied by over 600 applicants for Council Houses, there are many cases of overcrowding, and the position is still difficult.

During the year 67 applicants have been granted tenancies of Council Houses and in addition seven Council House exchanges or transfers have been made. The total number of persons rehoused was 298.

In addition to conditions of overcrowding, there are a number of houses in the Town where the structural and general conditions are unsatisfactory, and it is desirable that at the earliest opportunity consideration should be given to the demolition of these dwellings and the re-housing of the tenants, in which case it will be necessary to have available houses of such suitable types and at such rents as will meet the needs of these cases.

HOUSING (continued).

New Houses.

	<u>By Local Authority</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise</u>
No. of permanent houses completed during the year	60	12 (including 2 conversions).
No. of houses in course of erection at the end of the year	72	10
Total No. of Post-war houses completed	320	93

Occupied Houses.

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District	3,594
Number of Council Houses Occupied	563

Housing Applications.

Detailed Summary of Housing Applications showing Position at 31st December, 1952:

Number of Applications	625
(a) No. of Applications from Persons residing within Urban District:-	
(i) In Lodgings	213
(ii) Householders	157
	<u>370</u>
(b) No. of Applications from Persons residing outside Urban District:-	
(i) In Lodgings	146
(ii) Householders	109
	<u>255</u>
(iii) Working within Urban District	95
(iv) Working outside Urban District	160
	<u>255</u>

Dates of Submission of Applications.

	<u>Within Urban District</u>		<u>Outside Urban District</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>L</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>H</u>
Prior to 31.12.1946	7	47	9	22	16	69
To 31.12.1947	9	6	10	13	19	19
To 31.12.1948	14	25	21	13	35	38
To 31.12.1949	32	21	28	16	60	37
To 31.12.1950	31	20	17	11	48	31
To 31.12.1951	59	12	19	18	78	30
To 31.12.1952	61	26	42	16	103	42
Totals	213	157	146	109	359	266

Applicants within Urban District residing in Lodgings.

Size of Family	No. of Families
One Applicant	1
Two Applicants	1
Applicant and One Child	3
Man and Wife	64
Man and Wife (Expectant Mother)	8
Man, Wife and One Child	70
Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) and One Child	10
Applicant and Two Children	3
Man, Wife and Two Children	35
Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) and Two Children	3
Man, Wife and Three Children	9
Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) and Three Children	2
Man, Wife and Four Children	3
Man, Wife and Five Children	1
Total	213

Applications from Householders within Urban District.

Size of Family	Number of Bedrooms in House							Total
	NH	1	2	3	4	5	6	
One Applicant	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Applicant and One Child	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Man and Wife	3	4	10	5	-	-	1	23
Man and Wife (Expectant Mother)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Man, Wife and One Child	5	3	25	8	1	-	-	42
Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) and One Child	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Applicant and Two Children	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Man, Wife and Two Children	10	-	20	7	3	-	-	40
Applicant and Three Children	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Man, Wife and Three Children	5	-	7	6	2	-	-	20
Man, Wife (Expectant Mother) & Three Children	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Applicant and Four Children	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Man, Wife and Four Children	3	-	8	2	-	-	-	13
Applicant and Five Children	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Man, Wife and Five Children	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Totals	32	7	76	33	6	2	1	157

NH - Nissen Hut.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

(a) Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors:

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions		
			Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31st. Dec.
Dairies	6	13	2	2	Nil
Distributors only	2	4	1	1	Nil

(b) Biological Milk Samples.

Two samples of milk taken for biological test from the herd at one dairy farm proved satisfactory. This is the only case where

Milk Supply (continued).

Non-designated milk produced in the District is not heat treated before retail sale.

Only a comparatively small quantity of the milk now sold in this Urban District is raw milk which has either not been heat treated or designated "Tuberculin Tested".

(c) Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued:-

Dealers' Licences: Pasteurised Milk ... 1
Sterilised Milk ... 1
Supplementary Licences ... Nil

(d) Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences Issued:-

Dealers' Licences ... Nil
Supplementary Licences ... 1

Ice Cream.

Number of Premises Registered:-

(a) Manufacture and Retail ... 1
(b) Manufacture only ... 1
(c) Retail only ... 40

Number of Inspections of Premises ... 36

Number of Samples taken: 16. Results: Grade I - 13
Grade II - 3
Grade III Nil
Grade IV - Nil

At thirty six of the forty retail premises, only pre-packed Ice Cream is sold.

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Regional Slaughterhouses in Area ... 1
Number of Animals Slaughtered ... 11,936
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of slaughter ... 514
Number of Knacker's Yards in Area ... 1
Number of Visits to Knacker's Yards ... 4

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed & Inspected	1475	687	815	7290	1669	11936
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						Wt.in Lb
Whole Carcasses condemned	10	11	31	100	19	20993
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	682	227	7	231	65	16240
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	46.9%	34.6%	4.7%	4.5%	5.0%	37233
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned	14	11	1	-	3	17524
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	215	163	-	-	86	12110
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	15.5%	25.3%	0.12%	-	5.3%	29634

Total Weight in Lb - 66867
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Meat and Other Foods (continued).

29 tons, 17 cwts., 3 lb. of Meat was condemned during the year, compared with 33 tons, 5 cwts., 23 lb. last year.

	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.	19
Places where Food (other than Meat) is kept or prepared for sale	161

The following Foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

82 lb. of Fish; 120 lb. Imported Rabbits; 36 lb. of Other Foods: and 1827 tins, jars and bottles of various Foods.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of Food Poisoning have been notified during the year 1952.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG

Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Meat and Other Foods (continued)

25 tons, 17 cows, 3 lbs. of meat was consumed during the year, compared with 25 tons, 3 cows, 23 lbs. last year.

No. of Inspectors

Meat Shop, West Shore, ...	10
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale ...	161

The following foods were consumed and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-
25 lbs. of fish; 182 lbs. Imported Haddocks; 25 lbs. of other foods; and 128 lbs. jars and bottles of various foods.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year 1932.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

J. J. YOUNG

Medical Officer of Health

R. BUSTON

Chief Sanitary Inspector